

NAVAL INCREASE NEXT IN HOUSE

Army Bill Expected to
Reach President's Desk
This Week.

WAYS AND MEANS TO BE DEBATED

Senate Judiciary Committee Will
Take Up Brandeis Case
To-day for Action.

Washington, May 14.—National defense legislation is again to be the focus of the House, with final disposition of the army reorganization bill this week particular attention will be turned to the completion of the naval building programme, which is to be passed on Thursday by the House Committee on Naval Affairs.

As soon as the committee reports on the naval increases the task of working out the revenue problem to meet the extraordinary defence expenditures will be undertaken by the House Ways and Means Committee in cooperation with the Senate Finance Committee.

The compromise bill for the reorganization of the army to provide for a regular army of 204,000 men at peace strength is reasonably satisfactory to advocates in Congress of an adequate national defense, although many had hoped for acceptance of the Senate bill which provided for a standing army of 250,000 peace strength. It is now hoped that the naval increase will at least be commensurate with the long stride ahead which is on the eve of accomplishment with respect to military defense.

Army Bill This Week.
The conference report on the army bill will be put in final form to-morrow and will probably be submitted to the House for approval on Tuesday and to the Senate later in the week. It should be on the President's desk for approval by Friday or Saturday at the latest.

The House attention will be directed chiefly during the week to the government shipping bill. The Rules Committee contemplates bringing in a special rule on Tuesday with a view to disposing of the shipping bill within a few days, but a fight has already been organized by the minority against this plan and it may be frustrated.

Administration leaders, however, are determined to press the measure. Secretary McAdoo visited the Capitol on several occasions last week in its interest, talking with Democratic Senators who opposed the bill in the last Congress, some of whom are still inclined to vote against the measure as modified because of its provision for government operation of ships for a period of five years after the close of the European war.

Hope for Shipping Bill.
Some of the doubtful Senators are known to have told Mr. McAdoo that they hoped they would be able to vote for the bill when it reached the Senate from the Committee on Commerce.

The nomination of Louis D. Brandeis to the Supreme Court and the long-pending nomination of George Rublee to the Federal Trade Commission will again demand attention in the Senate. The Senate Judiciary Committee will take up the Brandeis nomination again to-morrow, following a supplemental hearing held on Friday by the sub-committee to inquire into features of the case urged by Republican members. What will be the outcome is still problematical. Adoption of a resolution to report the nomination to the Senate without recommendation is the best that some Democratic Senators hope for.

HOPE FOR DEAF MUTES IN BARROWS'S CURE

New York Scientist's Success Had
Earned Him International Fame.

Deaf and dumb children are to hear and talk. Miracles are not confined to the days of Christianity's birth, for in New York City Charles M. Barrows, a scientist, has astounded physicians all over the world by curing several deaf mutes heretofore pronounced incurable.

A National Deaf Mutes' Fund is being raised in a nation-wide movement to erect an institution where deaf and dumb children may be taught to hear and talk. Professor Barrows's method will be used and nurses and physicians taught by him will instruct the children. The plan is endorsed by James H. Hyslop, William S. Bennett, Dr. W. Grant Hague, Charles C. Cowan, J. Frederick Crier, John C. Kelly, Jr., and Jeremiah J. Lynch, President and Mrs. Wilson, Governor and Mrs. Whitman and Mayor and Mrs. Mitchell with other prominent persons have been invited to act as patrons.

Open Air Flower Show in June.
The first open air flower show ever held in America will open June 1 at the International Garden Club, Pelham Bay Park, and will continue four days. Prizes aggregating \$5,000 in cash, besides cups and trophies, are to be awarded.

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Dealer Artists Loved Dies After His "Wonderful Parade"

William H. Powell Passes
Away in Wife's Arms—
Was Like Character
from Dickens.

Late Saturday afternoon William H. Powell, an art dealer known to every painter in New York, died in the little, old shop at 683 Sixth Avenue, where he had spent the last thirty years. About him were the artists who were his friends, with whom he had just marched in the preparedness parade. Through the open door the strains of "America, I Love You," were coming.

This was as he would have wished it. Two things had been dearest to the art dealer—his country and the painters of his city. His father, William H. Powell, Academician and painter of several historical pictures which hang to-day in the nation's capital, dying when his son was still a little boy, had left him as legacies his friendship with great artists and his heart of patriotism.

His little shop he kept those legacies undimmed—a dealer stepped from the pages of Dickens, with a tongue that refused to haggle over prices. Many a struggling artist came to him for help, and the great ones were proud to know him.

Saturday Mr. Powell, who had not been well for a week, insisted on marching. His strength seemed to come back as he stepped into line. "It has been a wonderful parade," said the art dealer to Milton H. Bancroft as the artists left the line at Fifth Avenue and Fifty-sixth Street.

Dies in Wife's Arms.
Those were his last words. A moment later those who had marched with him saw him falter. They caught him as he fell and bore him to his shop. Ten minutes later he died of apoplexy, with his wife's arms around him.

"He has done more for the cause of beauty than many an artist," the painters said.

Powell was born fifty years ago in an old house still standing in Twenty-second Street, near Fifth Avenue. While the father painted such brigades as "Washington Crossing the Delaware" or "The Study of Albert Gallatin" he fired the little boy with the spirit of patriotism. At other times he told him about his friendship in Paris with Eugene Sue and Lamartine, and with Eugene, when he was painting the portrait of Alexandre Dumas, père, the great writer had once made him an omelet. He lived

over again for the child his days at Sunnyside, where he had painted the portrait of Washington Irving.

The boy's desire was to be an artist. It was thwarted by the early death of his father. At fourteen he became the librarian at Cooper Union and shortly afterward secretary of Abram S. Hewitt. While he was still in his teens he started business in the shop.

Glad Artists Loved Husband.
In an old apartment house at 129 West Fifty-sixth Street, where artists, musicians and writers who were their friends gathered, there sat yesterday a brave little woman in the room, patting her husband's cold hand and smiling as she told his story.

"I knew him all my life and he was a great man," she said.

"He had the soul of an artist and he belonged to us," said S. W. Van Schick, who had painted his portrait. "I would not part with my memories of him."

"Ah, but I don't want memories," said his wife, and tears came to her eyes. "I want the sound of his voice and the touch of his hand. But it is much to me to know how he was loved by the artists."

Funeral services will be held at his home this evening. The interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery. He is survived by his wife and a sister in London, Mrs. Frances Lloyd.

State Senator Wants No Cloud
Between Him and Governor.

Senator George F. Thompson, who every once in a while last winter shook hands with Governor Whitman in the Executive Office as a sign that their differences had ended, was much disturbed yesterday over the suggestion in the papers yesterday morning that he might be a candidate for Governor himself, because he believed it would be egotistical on his part to presume to seek the nomination against Governor Whitman.

The Niagara Senator said he was mostly concerned with the investigation of the Public Service Commission, and that the Governor and he had discussed this. He also said he had a very satisfactory interview with the Governor regarding the appointment of a Justice of the Supreme Court from the district he represents.

SEEK \$100 FUND FOR WIDOW
Charity Officials Wish to Help Her
Train Eight Children for Work.

The Bureau of Charities, 69 Scherhorn Street, Brooklyn, desires to raise a fund of \$100 for a widow who her eight children are being trained for better paying places. Large and small gifts are requested, and may be mailed to the bureau marked "For 026 T.R."

The bureau acknowledges with thanks the following contributions from those who could not be reached by mail: Asperl 026T, Cash, 50 cents; \$2; Alexander, \$1; R. C. G., \$1; H. F. B., \$1; 026T, Cash, \$1; In His Name, \$1; 026T, Cash, \$1; T. S., \$1; 026W, H. F., \$1; A Friend, \$1.

Will Mr. Reeder took his seat a volunteer started a harangue on the single tax. He kept bravely on with his speech while the main audience left the hall. A handful of the faithful remained until Mr. How moved for adjournment.

\$100,000 PRIZES FOR AERO RACE

First Coast to Coast Competition Arranged for
This Autumn.

AERIAL HIGHWAY MAY BE RESULT

Aero Club Believes Flight Will
Stimulate Move for Aviation
in National Defence.

Plans for the first transcontinental aeroplane competition have been completed by the Aero Club of America. It will in all probability start in August. A first prize of \$20,000 has been set aside by the National Aeroplane Fund for the aviator making the best time. Other cash prizes, which will total about \$100,000, will be raised by the club. A silver trophy, to be awarded to the winner of similar races held each year, has been offered by Ralph Pulitzer.

Hawley Outlines Scheme.
In sketching the plans for the competition Alan R. Hawley, president of the Aero Club, said:

"The value of the transcontinental competition will be thoroughly appreciated by the country at large, and we can rest assured of the cooperation of the numerous organizations now helping the Aero Club of America to develop aeronautics for national defence and to establish permanent landing stations for aeroplanes."

"Cities and organizations along the route, as well as individuals, will be invited to offer prizes. We are now awaiting word from a city on the coast which may offer \$20,000 to make that city the terminus of the race. Other cities will offer between \$5,000 and \$10,000 for prizes, in order to be made 'controls' where the aviators will stop for twelve hours. The contest committee suggests, therefore, that decision as to the route to be followed be postponed until the plan is made known to all the cities, organizations and individuals that may wish to cooperate."

"We hope that our appeal for prizes will bring such responses that awards can be given as follows: First prize, \$20,000; second, \$15,000; third, \$10,000; fourth, \$7,500; fifth, \$5,000; sixth, \$2,500; seventh, \$2,000; and eighth, \$1,500.

First Prize May Be \$20,000.

"If to these can be added special prizes for the best time between large cities, mail carrying, longest sustained flights made and so on the total amount will be so substantial that the militia of every state and organizations co-operating will enter well equipped aviators in the competition and use the prize money to build aviation detachments."

The race, the contest committee hopes, will result in steps being taken to establish a permanent transcontinental aerial highway, with landing stations at intervals of between twenty and fifty miles. This, it is believed, will popularize aerial touring, as well as give the nation a new, unobstructed highway invaluable for national defense.

ASK ABOUT WOMEN'S FATE
Bohemian Organizations Seek News of
Two Arrested in Prague.

Representatives of organizations to which 8,000 American women of Bohemian origin belong have written to Secretary Lansing to request that he have inquiries made in Vienna concerning Alice Masaryk and Hanna Benes, two Bohemian women arrested several months ago by the Austrian authorities at Prague on the charge of high treason.

Miss Masaryk formerly lived in Chicago, and her mother was an American. Her father lives in exile in London. Mrs. Benes is the wife of the editor of a Prague daily newspaper which was recently suppressed. The letter informs the Secretary that the women's only crime has been the love of their native land in times perilous to freedom, and does not ask for the leniency of the Austrian government in their case, but merely that justice be done them.

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DANIELS-FISKE INQUIRY ASKED

Defence Society Requests
Wilson to Investigate
Issue of Veracity.

Washington, May 14.—An appeal to President Wilson to investigate the issue of veracity between Secretary Daniels and Admiral Fiske was made to-day by the American Defence Society. Secretary Daniels says he never saw a letter from Admiral Fiske which the Admiral declares he read to Mr. Daniels in the presence of witnesses.

C. S. Thompson, chairman of the executive committee, sent this letter to the President:

"An issue of veracity has arisen between Rear Admiral Fiske and the Secretary of the Navy. Mr. President, we respectfully petition you, in fairness to your Secretary of the Navy and to a gallant naval officer, not to allow this matter to remain uninvestigated."

Admiral Fiske is recognized throughout the service as the logical successor to Admiral Mahan; his writings on naval strategy mark him as the leading strategist in the United States Navy. His record, therefore, is one of gallantry in battle, coupled with faithful attention to the less spectacular duties of the naval officer in time of peace. Never before has there been a blot on his record; to-day he stands accused by your Secretary of the Navy of negligence and untruthfulness, for he filed his letter on the unprepared-

ness of the navy with the chief clerk, without showing it to the Secretary. He was culpably negligent of his duty. This, he says, he did not do.

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